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The Tariff and Trusts.

The testimony of President Havemeyer, of the sugar trust, before the industrial commission in Washington, on the subject of trusts, has created considerable comment by reason of Mr. Havemeyer's assertions as to the responsibility for trusts and some absurd points he made that are disproved by the history of the two greatest trusts in America, including the one he represents. The distinguished witness gave some logical explanations, from his own standpoint, of what combinations are—that is, those that are strictly legitimate. For instance, he declared they "are the instruments for uniting the interests of a large number of persons of small means into a large aggregation of capital." He said that an attack on these trusts is an attack on the stockholders, who, as a rule, are men of moderate means.

Perhaps, had Mr. Havemeyer stopped here he would not have rendered himself liable to the amount of criticism that is being indulged in. But he did not do that. He departed from the main question long enough to consider the political phase of the trust question. He declared that "the mother of all trusts is the customs tariff. The existing bill and the preceding one (the Wilson bill) have been the occasion of the formation of all the large trusts, with very few exceptions, inasmuch as they provide for an inordinate protection to all the interests of the country, sugar refining excepted."

Here is where President Havemeyer made his break which is almost funny enough to place him in a ridiculous light before the country. It has afforded some newspapers and public men an opportunity to call attention to the fact that the two greatest trusts in America are not affected at all by the tariff. The New York Sun briefly states the truth when it says, concerning the above remarks by the sugar king: "The greatest of all trusts, the Standard Oil trust, and Mr. Havemeyer's own company, the Sugar trust, two capitalistic piles so colossal that they tower above all others of their class, are not built upon the tariff at all. Oil is on the free list, with a provision for a retaliatory duty upon oil from countries that tax oil imported from this country. Refined sugar has a duty of only about three and a half cents ad valorem, a rate so low that, Mr. Havemeyer declares, sugar refining is outside of the protected industries."

These things being true, the two greatest trusts—those that have been more strongly denounced for their methods than all other trusts—are living evidences of the untruthfulness of President Havemeyer's point. The Sun is right, and agrees with the majority of our practical minded business men, legal and economic authorities, when it declares that "the philosophy of trusts goes below the tariff." Trusts exist in other countries that have not protective duties. The remedy for them is not in tariff legislation. Those that work evil with fictitious stocks that exist only on paper will bring their own destruction, and, in the meantime, wise business consideration and discussion should develop a proper solution of the general question. Demagogic politics and crazy financial theories will never do it.

An Unusual Boycott.

In the meeting of citizens of Benwood, held Saturday evening, they exercised an inalienable right to express their sympathies with the street car strikers, and to pledge themselves not to patronize the cars until the matter is settled. No one denies them that right, because, as citizens, they are just as untrammeled in their privileges to think and act one way as other citizens are to think and act in some other way. Those rights are guaranteed by the constitution and the laws. There are rights of free speech and free action guaranteed to all citizens to act according to their own consciences, providing they do not interfere with the rights of others who exercise that same freedom of conscience.

Everybody thoroughly appreciates this principle. But there is a limit which is, that in maintaining one's own rights, a concession to others of the privilege to maintain their's should not be forgotten. The Intelligencer has reference to two of the resolutions adopted by the meeting, and it means it in all kindness to its friends in Benwood. They have no direct relation to the main issue involved in the strike. One resolution is that influence is to be used with the merchants of Benwood to refrain from patronizing the merchants of Wheeling who met and exercised

their privilege of taking action to bring about a relief from a situation which has brought upon them inestimable financial loss. Another is that a committee is to be appointed to watch the actions of the three hundred merchants and other citizens with regard to their decision.

The merchants of Wheeling, as have those engaged in other callings, have for eight weeks sacrificed a very large proportion of their trade, in an otherwise prosperous season, by the practically unanimous refusal of the people of this and surrounding communities to make use of the cars through an expressed feeling of sympathy for the strikers. The merchants and other business men, and their families, have also abstained from the use of the cars as religiously as all others. During the time they have borne the losses referred to they have spared no effort in co-ordinating with every move and every endeavor to aid in an amicable settlement. The business men of Benwood have pleasant relations with those of Wheeling. The interests are mutual, but they have not had to endure these experiences, and perhaps do not fully realize their magnitude.

The Intelligencer is not prepared to say what will be the result of last Friday night's meeting. Those who took part acted as individuals, each prompted by a desire to bring some influence toward a settlement of a matter that has been a burden to the whole population. It was not, as stated, a meeting of the chamber of commerce, but a mass meeting, public and open to all.

If a settlement of the strike should result satisfactorily to all concerned, to all interests concerned, those who labor and those who employ labor, it would be a day for rejoicing in both Benwood and Wheeling. If such a settlement should not occur, what more can be done, all means so far attempted having failed?

Will be a Great Day.

The Fourth of July this year bids fair to be more enthusiastically celebrated throughout the country than for many years. The history of the past year has brought it about. There was a depression on the Fourth of last year, for we were at war with Spain. Spain was vanquished, and Young America doesn't intend to let Independence Day go by this year without making up for last year and burning plenty of red fire.

In the general celebration it should not be forgotten that just one hundred years ago (in 1799) that great hero, the Father of the country, who led the patriots who made the Declaration of Independence a realized fact, having performed his mission in this world, was summoned to his just reward. The memory of Washington has not departed from the first place in the hearts of his countrymen in that century, nor will it in the next. The celebration of Independence Day should have a double significance this year.

The semi-centennial of the Chapline Street Methodist Episcopal church, which was celebrated yesterday, was an event in religious circles of unusual interest. This church has been closely identified with the religious history of Wheeling, and its contributions to the work of Christianity in the half century of its existence have had a pronounced influence upon the community. May that influence continue through the coming century which is soon to dawn.

The enthusiastic reception accorded to President McKinley in Massachusetts by immense crowds of people does not seem to bear out the claim that at the headquarters of the Aguinaldo sympathizers the missionary work has been very effective. In fact, appearances are a little bit the other way.

The Knights of Pythias memorial services at St. Matthew's were among the impressive features of Sunday. The order is very strong in Wheeling, and nearly the entire force availed itself of the occasion to pay tribute to the dead. The ceremonies at the church were both solemn and inspiring.

The Salvation army of Pittsburgh gave one thousand newboys a steamboat excursion on Saturday, and treated them to all the good things they could eat and drink and recreation in a public park. That was a good day's work on a practical line by the army.

The country will regret to learn that ex-Secretary John Sherman is again suffering from the effects of his recent severe illness, having contracted a cold during the late cool wave. It is universally hoped that the veteran statesman's condition may not prove serious.

How the Bell was Improved.

New York Sun: The good stories attributed to the late Father Frank Boyle are constantly being added to, and in Washington, where he was so widely known and beloved, they are collected, treasured up and repeated, for it is certain that, while they were powerful to bring out a healthy laugh, he never gave utterance to a pleasant conceit that carried with it the slightest sting. The subjects of his pointed aphorisms enjoyed them equally with the listeners, and were rather proud they were part and parcel of his witticisms.

Some years ago the chapel which Father Boyle was instrumental in building in the southeastern part of the city bought of the Presbyterian church near by a large bell, which had been discarded on account of a flaw in its construction that created a painfully harsh and discordant sound. The bell was sent to a foundry, where several inches of the lower rim was cut off. It was then returned and put in place in the chapel. The tones were now exceedingly soft and sweet and the bell a source of much pride to the congregation and pleasure to the neighborhood. One day the pastor of the Presbyterian church, meeting Father Boyle, said to him:

"Father Boyle, I was passing the chapel recently and was struck by the rich mellow tone of your bell. I think I never before heard anything so clear and chimelike. I quite envied you its possession. Where did you get it?"

"That is the bell," replied the father, "that we bought of your congregation."

"Is it bought?" said the pastor. "It was bought of it. What in the world do you do with it to bring about such a marvelous change?"

"Blissed it, blessed it," returned Father Boyle, in a rich brogue and with a mischievous expression on his handsome, happy countenance. "Blissed it and got the Presbyterian devil out of it, and nothing else, I assure you."

And with hearty laughter that brought the hearts of the two preachers closer together, they went their several ways.

HIGH LIGHTS.

If a man is angry and is where he can't swear, he kicks something.

No woman is really in serious earnest until she weeps on her best pocket handkerchief.

The average woman's idea of prosperity is being able to buy the most expensive scented soap.

A bald-headed bachelor always has an aunt or cousin who tells him that he is just as good-looking as he ever was.

The solace in making a fool of oneself is that the deed is always an infringement on some other human being's patent.

The man who thinks he could manage any woman living is generally the kind of man who gets off a train and leaves his valise.—Chicago Record.

Times Have Changed.

During the recent hot spell a Washington housekeeper made her mid-week pilgrimage to the Centre market, and, of course, everybody, sellers and buyers, showed the effects of the intense heat. To one good old colored mammy, selling garden sassa, the lady spoke sympathetically about the heat and wound up by saying, "It is dreadful, isn't it?" "Deed 'tis, chile, 'deed 'tis," chimed in Auntie. "I tells you dat forty years ago, when de good Lawd made de wedding, we didn't have no sich sizzlin' days as dese; but sence dese here wedding bureau men's taken de fixin' it, dey jes' sends us anything dey likes, an' dey ain't skilful, chile, dey ain't skilful!"

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

A.—It is when a man is in trouble that he knows the value of a wife. B.—Yes; he can put all his property in her name.—Tit-Bits.

His Honor.—Young man, do you appreciate the solemnity of an oath—do you know what an oath is? Boy.—Yes, sir. I caddied for you last Sunday.—Life.

"This is the hat Nancy Robinson wanted so much. I'm tired of it, and would let her have it for a song." "I guess you've never heard her sing."—Chicago Record.

Papa—I hear you were a bad girl today, and had to be spanked. Small Daughter.—Mamma is awful strict. If I'd a known she used to be a school teacher, I'd a told you not to marry her.—Tit-Bits.

Abstruse Figuring.—Munson—What's the birth-rate in the Philippines? Peck.—I don't know? Munson.—I'm trying to figure out how long at the present death-rate it will take us to end that revolution.—Philadelphia North American.

Exhibitor.—This, ladies and gents, this place of straw is that celebrated last straw that broke the camel's back. Mrs. Farmer.—Well, well, John, that's wonderful. I've heard of that straw 'my life, but little did I ever expect to see it.—Tit-Bits.

A paper published in Paris recently contained the following unique advertisement: "A young man of agreeable presence, and desirous of getting married, would like to make the acquaintance of an aged and experienced gentleman who could dissuade him from taking the fatal step."

The great detective paused. "The horseless carriage containing the murderer passed here just twenty minutes ago," he said. The other man looked astonished. "But I see no wheel tracks," he cried. "No," said the great detective, calmly, "but if you'll sniff a little you'll get the odor of the kerosene."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"What do you think of this persistent demand for arbitration?" asked a diplomat at The Hague. "Well," answered the gentleman from Germany as he pensively exhaled a cloud of smoke, "I am inclined to think that if we manage things with discretion it can be prevented from becoming a casus belli."—Washington Star.

Cupid's Harvest.

Written for the Intelligencer.
In the spring sly Cupid softly
Glides around the earth on love more,
Palm-leaf here and there a sweet nature
Till her beauty we adore.
All the fields appear in grandeur,
In their robes of shaded green;
While around us, as if from Jewels,
Sweetest flowers will be seen.

All the world for Cupid's harvest
This is his richest garner,
E'en the stately, sombre tree-tops,
Now their bright, green leaves will don,
While among the leafy branches
The birds sing love songs of love,
"Robin, Robin, come, I love thee,"
"Come, my sweetheart," coos the dove.

Birds and flowers sweetly greet us,
Joyous springtime is so fair,
And all nature is enchanting,
As gay Cupid fills the air.
While in spring youth's feelings deeper
Into tender thoughts of love,
All the world seems to be wooing,
E'en the gentle turtle dove.

Youthful hearts are filled with longing
For some other soul to live,
Sharing all their joy and sorrow,
All their love's heart to give.
If they could be loved and loving
To the one they hold so dear,
They would feel their lives so joyous,
Paradise would seem so near.

Only those alone are mournful,
Who have disappointed been;
When comparing all that's joyful
With the life they could have been.
And as balmy airs of springtime,
Drift their thoughts to other years,
When they, too, were young and joyous
Ere they had a cruel love's pain.

—Martha Shepard Lippincott, Moorestown, N. J.

Exhibits at Paris.

There will be a large exhibit from this country at the Paris Exposition in 1900, which will prove very interesting to all who may attend, but no more so than the news that the famous American remedy, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, will positively cure dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, biliousness and nervousness. To all sufferers of the above complaints a trial is recommended, with the assurance that when honestly used a cure will be effected. It also tones up the entire system.

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The truth that prevails in a horse trade is indeed mighty.

It is a great misfortune not to be able to bear misfortune.

A small boy's idea of greatness is to play base ball in a uniform.

Don't judge a man by the fit of his coat; it may be a borrowed one.

The darkest cloud, financially speaking, is one that has no silver lining.

Laugh a little more at your own troubles and a little less at your neighbor's.

The luck of the fool is proverbial, but you never hear a lucky man speak of it. Life is a peculiar thing. Three-quarters of it is a "lie" and half of it is an "it."

A woman seldom loves her friend with the same intensity that she hates her enemies.

A girl is all right until she gets womanish and a woman is all right until she gets girlish.

More men would marry if they knew that lots of pretty girls' hats cost only sixty-five cents.

Methuselah probably lived to a ripe old age just to spite some girl who married him for his money.

An Ohio man claims to have a stone that little George Washington threw at an English sparrow on his father's cherry tree. Anything an Ohio man doesn't claim isn't worth having.—Chicago Daily News.

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